



Sage-grouse Distribution

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This native grouse is widely distributed in areas with large blocks of sagebrush habitat throughout southern Idaho. Sagebrush is a crucial winter food for sage-grouse and also provides them with nesting and roosting cover during the rest of the year. Wet places, including agricultural lands, are important feeding areas for hens with chicks and are heavily used by sage-grouse during the fall in dry years.

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Sage-grouse Seasons and Rules 2013

*Sage-grouse season open
September 21 through September 27*

September 21 through September 27, one-bird daily limit, two in possession:

Statewide in sage-grouse range *except* designated closed areas.

Closed:

- Eastern Owyhee County and western Twin Falls County
- Southeastern part of the state, east of Interstate 15 and south of U.S. Highway 26
- Washington, Adams, Payette and Gem Counties
- Elmore County

Sage/Sharp-tailed Grouse Permit Validation: Any person hunting sage- or sharp-tailed grouse must have in possession a valid hunting license with a sage/sharp-tailed grouse permit validation at \$4.75.

Identify Your Target! Is it a Sage-grouse or a Sharp-tailed Grouse?

Sage-grouse and sharp-tailed grouse can occur in the same areas in south-central and eastern Idaho. Hunting seasons for these species do not overlap. The sharp-tailed grouse hunting season is October 1 to October 31.

Be sure of your target!

See inside for details.

Refer to the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 Upland Game, Furbearer and Turkey Seasons and Rules for general upland gamebird rules, license and permit information. See Page 7 for important grouse identification information.



